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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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SUBJ: SFCP/SMITHSONIAN - SALE OF R/V PHYKOS

REF: (A) STATE 281342, (B) CONROY (SMI) - MILLS TELECON OF DEC 30

1. EMBASSY HAS TELEX DATED 24 DEC FROM INKOBROD (KALODJERA) NOTING THAT (A) IN ADDITION TO CHARGES FOR KEEPING PHYKOS, THERE HAVE BEEN EXPENSES FOR CONSTANT MOVING OF SHIP AND VISITS OF INTERESTED PEOPLE REQUESTING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, (B) SINCE PHYKOS DOCKED FOR LONG TIME INKOBROD EXPOSED TO UNUSUALLY HIGH EXPENSES, (C) ABSENCE OF REGULAR PAYMENTS BY SMITHSONIAN (SMIT) DURING LAST 17 MONTHS HAVE COST INKOBROD SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO INTEREST PAYMENTS.

2. INKOBROD CONCLUDES THAT MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED CAN BE SOLVED BY SALE OF BOAT TO INKOBROD. FOR THIS PURPOSE THEY SUGGEST TALKS IN BELGRADE OR KORCULA IN JANUARY. KALODJERA BELIEVES INKOBROD SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY IN BUYING PHYKOS TO "SOLVE OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS".

3. YUGOSLAV FIRM FOR INSURANCE OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT INFORMS EMBASSY THAT CHARGE FOR 24 HOURS INSURANCE OF 100,000 DOLLARS AGAINST LOSS OF PHYKOS IS 5,000 RPT 5,000 DOLLARS.

4. EMBASSY NOTES IN PARA 2 REFTEL THAT SALE PRICE OF PHYKOS IS MATTER OF CONCERN TO SMITHSONIAN. AT SAME TIME, DETAILS OF SALE OF VESSEL BECOMING INCREASINGLY COMPLEX AND IMPOSITION OF NEW CHARGES BY INKOBROD SEEMS LIKELY. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
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EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT SMI INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED

BY SENDING TO YUGOSLAVIA ABOUT JAN 13 AN SMI REPRESENTATIVE
EMPOWERED TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY DECISIONS TO SELL SHIP TO INKO-
BROD, PFEUFFER OR OTHER BUYER.

5. EMBASSY WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON SALE OF SHIP PENDING
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